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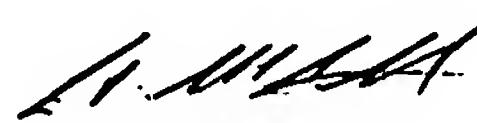
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1. The amendment filed on 21 November 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The drawings submitted on Nov. 21, 2006 have been approved.

The Examiner notes that reference numeral 7 as addressed in the Applicant's remarks appeared on the left most side of Fig. 3 in the Aug. 01, 2003 drawings. However, on the above noted drawings, reference numeral 77 appears in place of the reference numeral 7 which is in agreement with the specification. The Examiner believes that the error may have resulted during the scanning of the Applicant's drawings.



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